



# The Student Senate

Texas A&M University

S.R. 71-25

The Student Senate  
71st Session  
Texas A&M University

## I Welcome Resolution

*"A resolution stating that the Texas A&M student body, coming from its deep belief in selfless service, respect, loyalty and hospitality, welcomes refugees of all ages, genders, religions, nationalities, races, sexual orientations and disabilities"*

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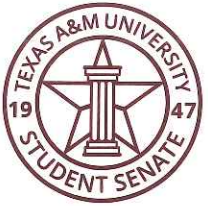
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Speaker of the Senate



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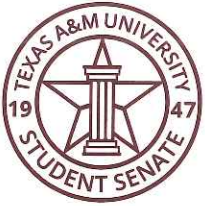
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- Whereas(1):** Texas A&M University welcomes and seeks to include persons of all racial, ethnic and geographic groups; and,
- Whereas(2):** The Texas A&M student body is an ever-growing family that has its foundations in unity and loyalty, growing through diversity and camaraderie, and thriving through respect and selflessness; and,
- Whereas(3):** According to the UNHCR, there are 23 million refugees and asylum seekers in the world today, more than any time since World War II, and more than half of the world's refugees are children; and,
- Whereas(4):** Refugees are fleeing armed conflict and persecution in Africa, the Middle East, Southeast Asia, Central America, and other regions; and,
- Whereas(5):** More than half of the world's refugees are hosted by only ten countries, and many of these countries do not have adequate resources to keep refugees fed, housed, or safe; and,
- Whereas(6):** The UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) has determined that 1.2 million refugees need immediate resettlement, representing 0.3% of the world's population; and,
- Whereas(7):** Refugees who need to be resettled include torture survivors, people with severe medical conditions, LGBTQ+ individuals, orphaned children, and at-risk women and children - all of whom cannot return home and cannot stay in their host country due to their extreme vulnerability; and,
- Whereas(8):** Aggies applaud the historic, bipartisan tradition of the U.S. in welcoming refugees, keeping with our country's values and respect for human rights; and,
- Whereas(9):** Refugees undergo a security vetting process that is lengthy, extremely detailed, and very safe involving multiple law enforcement and intelligence agencies; and,
- Whereas(10):** The students and faculty of Texas A&M University include individuals from over 96 countries who represent many cultures, celebrate diversity and welcome all people; and,



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**Whereas(11):** Diverse students have enriched Texas A&M through sports, academics, sciences, and arts; and,

**Whereas(12):** The Aggie community welcomes and benefits from students from all around the world.

**Therefore**

**Let it be**

**Resolved(1):** The student body of Texas A&M welcomes refugees to College Station and declares its support for refugees no matter their religion, race, nationality, sexual orientation or country of origin; and,

**Let it be**

**Further**

**Resolved(2):** The student body of Texas A&M calls upon other Texas communities and universities to join them in supporting a stronger national and international effort to resettle the world's most vulnerable refugees; and,

**Let it be**

**Further**

**Resolved (3):** A copy of this resolution be sent to:

Dr. Michael K. Young, President, Texas A&M University  
Dr. Robin R. Means-Coleman, Texas A&M Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion  
Dr. Daniel J. Pugh Sr., Vice President of Student Affairs, Texas A&M University  
Dr. Jennifer Reyes, Texas A&M Director for Assessment and Diversity Initiatives  
Refugee Services of Texas Houston Service Center  
Amaanah Refugee Services, Houston  
Books Not Bombs  
Amnesty International  
AggieServe, Texas A&M University  
Council of Minority Student Affairs, Texas A&M University  
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